

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting conception comprising:
administering D-Mannose to a female mammal in an amount effective to inhibit interaction between a sperm and an egg zygote ~~of said female~~.
2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein D-mannose is administered in an amount between about 1 gram and about 10 grams per day.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein D-Mannose is in the form of a capsule or tablet.
4. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein D-Mannose is in the form of a loose powder and is mixed with a food or drink.
5. (original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising a supplementary D-mannose douche within one day prior to or one day after sexual intercourse.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising use of a least one contraceptive from the group consisting of a condom, diaphragm, hormonal pill, contraceptive jelly, intervaginal cream, and douche ~~the D-mannose and the contraceptive being more efficient at preventing conception than either the D-mannose or the contraceptive used separately.~~

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein D-Mannose in an amount effective to inhibit interaction between a sperm and an egg for use as a contraceptive when administered to a woman.

8. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein ~~Capsules~~ containing D-mannose is administered in capsules in an amount effective to inhibit interaction between a sperm and an egg for use as a contraceptive when administered to a woman.

9. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting conception comprising administering D-Mannose to a ~~female mammal~~ in an amount effective to inhibit interaction between a sperm and ~~[[a]] an egg of said female mammal wherein the step of administering said D-Mannose is comprises vaginally delivered delivering said D-Mannose to said female.~~

10. (currently amended) The method of Claim 9 further comprising ~~use of~~ using at least one contraceptive selected from the group consisting of a condom, diaphragm, hormonal pill, contraceptive jelly, intravaginal cream, and douche, ~~the D-Mannose and the contraceptive being~~

~~more efficient at preventing conception than either the D-Mannose or the contraceptive used alone.~~

11. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 where the ~~mammal is a female is a wild or domestic animal.~~

12. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting conception comprising:

administering D-Mannose to a female ~~mammal~~ in an amount effective to inhibit interaction between a sperm and an egg of said ~~female mammal~~ wherein said D-Mannose is administered in the form of a capsule or tablet, said D-Mannose is administered within one day prior to or one day after sexual intercourse and wherein the administration is by means of the ~~female mammal~~ ingesting about three capsules, each capsule containing about 420 milligrams of D-Mannose about every two hours beginning about a day before said intercourse, ingestion being reduced to two or three of such capsules about one hour before intercourse and about the same dosage about one hour thereafter.